



THIS WATCH

Is only put here to attract your attention . . .

What we have to tell you is of more importance than any watch, although it is time we wish to speak about. It is only three weeks now until Xmas and there is lots of things you want for that time. Take our advice—come in now and pick out what you want, pay a little on it and have it laid away until required. All our Christmas goods have arrived, and we can supply you with almost anything at prices as low as the lowest, and

WE GUARANTEE EVERYTHING.

We have just received another large lot of STERLING SILVER BRUSHES and MIRRORS that are beautiful, and some Choice Gold and Silver Watches. Our Manicure and Sewing Sets in case are the latest.

CHALLONER, MITCHELL & CO.

The Jewellers, 47 Government Street.

THE WAY TO BECOME RICH

Is to observe the little things. It is the little saved on each purchase that makes a full pocket-book. When you buy

TAMILKANDE TEA

You Get the Best and the Most

You Economize Every Time.

It is the best Tea that can be bought for the money. Blue Label, 60c. White Label, 50c. Red Label, 40c.

SIMON LEISER & CO., WHOLESALE AGENTS.

To Let---New York Hotel

CONTAINING

BAR---RESTAURANT---56 ROOMS.

FOR PARTICULARS

Apply No. 40 Government Street.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

MISS HOWES, Test Medium, 124 Douglas street. Do you wish to know if you will succeed in the Klondike, or in business or in your love affairs, consult her. She predicted the unsuccessful return of the steamer Bristol and has located a large number of mining claims in the United States and British Columbia. Readings from \$1 up. Hours from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

WANTED to engage capable lady help or gentleman as local representative, guaranteed salary \$50 per month. Call at Room 2, Brunswick Hotel.

LOST—Between Government street and Caledonian grounds, a green leather purse containing money and a gold ring. Reward on returning to R. Miller at Mrs. Parole's, Rockland avenue.

COLFAX REBEKAH LODGE will hold their masquerade dance in aid of Old Ladies' Home in I. O. O. F. Hall, Douglas street, Tuesday, December 14th. Prizes will be given to the best dressed lady and gent, best sustained character lady and gent, and the most comical character. Tickets 50 cents; spectators 25 cents.

WILL THE lady who by mistake took an umbrella from Highwood on Nov 16th please return it to Mrs. Archer Martin.

\$1700—A splendid farm of 100 acres at Mill Bay, sea frontage, 15 acres under cultivation, 25 acres fenced, 23 fruit trees and small fruits; heavy draught horse, 4 head of cattle, lumber wagon, single set of harness, plough, harrow and other necessary implements; good log house, chicken house, barn, sheds and other outbuildings; also about \$500 worth of feed. Apply to Lee & Fraser, 11 Trounce Avenue.

PURE WHITE LEAD 66 per 100 lbs. No. 1 Elephant at \$5.50 per 100 lbs. Dry colors in oil, varnishes and brushes at lowest prices. J. W. Mellor, 76-78 Fort street.

COAL OR WOOD—Leave orders with Miss Holland & Co., Broad street, opposite Driford.

\$5.00—No. 1 double screened household coal, per ton of 2,000 lbs., delivered to any part of the city. Hall, Gougel & Co., 100 Government street. Telephone call No. 83.

MELLOR'S MIXED PAINTS—Absolutely pure and full Imperial measure guaranteed, \$1.50 per gallon. Mellor's Floor Paints same price. J. W. Mellor, 76-78 Fort street.

DOUBLE SCREENED Household Coal, \$5 per ton of 2,000 lbs., west coast guaranteed, delivered to any part of the city. Kingham & Co., Office, corner Fort and Broad streets. Telephone call 223. This coal is mined by the New Vancouver Coal Co., Ltd., Nanaimo, B.C. 219-1st.

LINSEED OIL 60c. per gallon in 4 gal. tins, guaranteed strictly pure oil. Window glass, sashes and doors selling cheap at Mellor's, 76-78 Fort street.

GOLF GOLF—Just received, a large supply of Silverdown Golf Balls and Porgun Clubs at J. Barnsley & Co., 119 Government street.

GOLF BALLS AND BOXING GLOVES—A new stock just received by Henry Short & Sons, Gunmakers, 72 Douglas street.

EIGHTY-FIVE CENTS BUYS A DOLLAR tin of Mellor's Carriage Paint, ready mixed. Requires no varnishing. Paint your buggy while its cheap. Mellor, 76-78 Fort street.

SECOND-HAND GUNS bought and sold. Ammunition always on hand at Shore's Hardware, 57 Johnson street. 215

BAKER & COLSTON (LATE S. GARNER & CO.) Warehouse and Office, Belleville St., James Bay.

Double Screened Alexandra Coal, . . . \$5.00 ton. Do. Sack or Lump, Wellington 5.50 ton. First Quality Dry Cordwood, . . . 3.25 cord. Full weight and measure guaranteed. All orders executed day received. Telephone in name, Gougel & Co., No. 407.

NOTICE

Government street, between Courtenay and Johnson, is closed to traffic until further notice.

E. A. WILMOT, City Engineer.

BOUND FOR KLONDIKE

Party of Englishmen Headed by a Viscount on the Way.

New York, Dec. 4.—On the steamer St. Paul, which arrived here today, are two parties bound for the Yukon and Klondike. Viscount Avonmore heads a party representing an English syndicate, and which consists of several former naval and military officers, among whom were C. C. Ransister, Dr. Hooper, E. A. Jettreys, Col. Levesque, Capt. Powell and C. A. Powell. The last named is a cadet who recently graduated from the Mersey training ship Conway.

THE POPE IN ILL HEALTH.

His Holiness Reported a Great Sufferer From Rheumatic Afflictions.

London, Dec. 4.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Rome this afternoon announces that the Pope has lately not been enjoying his usual health. Dr. Lepelletier, the attending physician of his holiness, has been obliged to adopt special precautions against the weather and has changed the baths which the venerable pontiff has been taking weekly. This, it is explained, is the only way by which the doctor can counteract the rheumatic symptoms of the Pope, which, according to the dispatch, appear if the patient suffers the slightest exposure. Dr. Lepelletier has forbidden his holiness to take part in any thing function, and therefore the programme mapped out for the ceremonies which were to take place at the sixtieth anniversary celebration of the first mass of Leo XIII. has been abandoned.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Ruthven Will Lecture To-morrow (Sunday) evening at 8 o'clock in A.O.U.W. Hall on "Convent Schools as Centres of Evil and Ignorance." Every parent and guardian of children in Victoria ought to hear this lecture.

AUCTION

At Sale Rooms, 133 Government street, cor. Pandora street.

MONDAY AT 2 P.M.

FURNITURE

Namely, 4 bedroom sets, carpets, tables, chairs, double and single box and wire mattresses, and wood ditto, clothes press, lounge, hanging and table lamps, picture mirrors, ship model, portable fernery, copper boilers, safes, National cash register, domestic sewing machines, 3 branch lighting gas, etc., etc.

First lot will be good Phaseton, Spring Wagon, Dump Cart, Terms Cash.

W. JONES, Auctioneer.

AUCTION

I am instructed by Mr. Olsson to sell at

Oakland Nursery

LANSDOWNE ROAD, on

Monday, December 6, 11 a.m.

Fruit Trees, Small Fruits, Walnut and Chestnut Trees, Rose, Shade and Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, Hollies, Rhododendrons and a great variety of General Nursery Stock.

TERMS CASH.

WM. T. HARDAKER, Auctioneer.

HALL'S BALSAM

OF ANISEED

For Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, etc. Prepared by HALL & CO., dispensing chemists, Clarence block, cor. Yates & Douglas sts.

OLD WORLD AFFAIRS

The Khalifa Disposed to Conclude Peace in Egypt on Certain Conditions.

Britain Said To Be Casting Envious Eyes on the Papuan Gold Fields.

London, Dec. 4.—It is reported that the Khalifa is disposed to conclude peace in Egypt on condition that he be granted hereditary power over Kordofan and Darfur, and that all his adherents be pardoned. The British leader is also said to be ready to evacuate the whole of the Nile territory, recognize the suzerainty of Queen Victoria and open his domains to British commerce.

Berlin, Dec. 4.—The Hamburgische correspondent says the German government has emphatically refused to entertain the proposal of England that Germany should cede Great Britain a protectorate over the German portion of Guiana, which is the northern section of southeast Papua, established in 1884, under the name of "Kaiser Wilhelm's Land." It is supposed here that England is casting envious eyes upon the newly discovered gold fields.

London, Dec. 4.—It is said that Oscar Wilde has arranged to publish here and in New York city a poem entitled "Ballad of Reading Jail by C.S." The Daily Chronicle says this morning that it has good reason to believe the khedive of Egypt will refuse to allow his brother, Mehmet Ali Pasha, to marry an American, in view of the fact that the child to which the khedivah recently gave birth is a girl, and Mehmet Ali is still the heir presumptive.

Mr. Sinclair, editor Locomotive Engineering, of New York city, has a long letter in the Times to-day on the question in America resulting from the adoption of Whitney's principle of interchangeable parts of machinery, and says that during a single week, in consequence of the strike, 58 foreign orders were received in the United States for locomotives which, under normal conditions, would probably have been placed in England. He warns English engineers that if they attempt to follow the trade they are banishing to America, they will be obliged to work harder and longer hours than they are accustomed to at home.

Barcelona, Dec. 4.—Great excitement was caused yesterday at the village of Montoliu Cataluna, 17 miles northwest of this place, by an explosion of four bombs. No damage, however, of any importance was done.

Palma, Island of Majorca, Dec. 4.—The Military Club yesterday gave a lunch in honor of General Weyler, late captain-general of Cuba. The military governor of Majorca was among the guests. When General Weyler entered the banquet hall the band in attendance played the royal hymn, and the general, stopping the music, at that moment proposed the toast of the king and queen regent, which was enthusiastically received.

Prague, Dec. 4.—At Tabor yesterday evening the Czechs attacked the houses of the Hebrews and broke the windows in the synagogue. Five of the rioters were arrested. The local force of gendarmes was reinforced this morning and the military called upon to assist in restoring order.

THEY FAILED TO AGREE.

Vancouver Cannot Accept the C. P. R.'s Proposition Without Modification.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 4.—It is not correct to say that the C. P. R. and Vancouver cannot agree. On the other hand the city council yesterday declined to accept the clause in the railway company's proposition on which Van Horne sets great store.

The meeting yesterday was attended by George McL. Brown, the executive agent, fortified by E. P. Davis, Q. C., who differed in toto with City Solicitor Hamersley's opinions. However, it was soon seen that the C. P. R.'s original proposition was impossible to carry out. It was admitted that the city could easily obtain amendments to the charter to bring all the requests of the C. P. R. into the sphere of the law, but as Mr. Brown stated, the people do not like such a "stand and deliver" proposal as the company made.

Although George McL. Brown, on behalf of the railway, stated that he had received no instructions to agree to any modifications, the council decided that the company must strike out the clause exempting the C. P. R. from the payment of any portion of a bonus granted another railway company within the next eight years.

The council will only consent to submit a by-law to the people exempting the railway and steamship property of the company from taxation for a period of twenty years in exchange for improvements.

If the C. P. R. agree to this the city will, if necessary, apply to the legislature for an act validating the by-law. It is felt here that the C. P. R. must give in if they want the by-law to pass the people.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Canton, O., Dec. 4.—Mrs. McKelvey's death is fast approaching. Soon after 6 o'clock the family were called around the bedside to witness the end, which seemed at hand.

—Hazel Kierke, the play that ran two years in New York, at A. O. U. W. hall on Wednesday.

TRADE IS BOOMING

Statement of Exports and Imports of the Dominion Shows a Large Increase in Trade.

New Postal Regulations—Another Batch of Railway Applications.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—A statement of the imports and exports of the Dominion for four months of the fiscal year ending October 31st, shows a large increase in trade. There was an increase in the aggregate trade of the country of \$16,500,412. This does not include any returns from the port of Vancouver, B.C., as for some reason or other none have been received at the department since last January. Exports for four months show an increase of \$15,485,220, while imports are greater by one million and a quarter than they were in 1896; duty also shows an increase of about \$23,000, but if the Vancouver returns were to hand the increase in duty would be about \$142,000 at least. The duty for October shows that trade is rapidly going ahead. Exports showed an increase of \$3,000,000; imports of \$770,000, and duty of \$10,000 over the same month last year. The Vancouver returns will bring the increase in duty up to \$142,000 at least. Owing to the Yukon trade, the Vancouver returns ought to be large. Exports under the head of agricultural products have more than doubled during the four months, while there is an increase over \$5,000,000 in the animals and their produce, and a very large increase in the products of mines. Fisheries alone show a decrease.

The following notice appears in the official Gazette: "There shall be charged and paid a uniform rate of 3 cents per ounce weight, a fraction of an ounce being chargeable as an ounce, upon all letters as transmitted from any point in Canada to any point in the United Kingdom or British possessions. This recommendation shall come into force and take effect from and after 1st of January next.

Application will be made at the next session for an act to incorporate the Lake Superior & Rocky Mountain Navigation Company, to construct and operate canals so as to make a navigable waterway.

1. From some point on Lake Superior at or near Thunder Bay, thence following lakes and rivers across the height of land to Rainy lake and by way of Rainy lake to Lake of the Woods.

2. From Lake of the Woods along Roussseau river or by such other direct course as a survey may show to be the most practicable and advantageous, to the Red river. Thence along Red river, Assiniboine river, Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipegosis to Cedar lake on Saskatchewan river, or in alternative from Lake of the Woods by way of Winnipeg river, Lake Winnipeg and Saskatchewan river, along said river, its southern branch, and Bow river to Calgary in the territory of Alberta, and along its northern branch to Edmonton. Macleod Stewart is the applicant.

Application will be made to parliament at the next session for an act to incorporate a company to mine, crush and smelt gold and other minerals in Canada with power to enter into agreement with the government to conduct mining operations on alternate or other mining locations the property of the crown for the joint account of the government and the company.

The Capital Income case was thrown out of court by Judge McMahon. He would not permit it to go to the jury.

THE DREYFUS AFFAIR.

The Charges Against Count Esterhazy to be Investigated.

Paris, Dec. 4.—The military governor of Paris, General Sausser, has ordered the formation of a court-martial to examine into the charges against Count Ferdinand Walsin Esterhazy, the retired major of the French army who is accused of writing the letter which brought about the sentencing of Alfred Dreyfus to imprisonment for life.

The Journal says the decision of Gen. Sausser is based on the report of Gen. Pallieux, who was appointed by the minister of war to examine into the charges brought against Count Esterhazy, and which is as follows:

"So far as Dreyfus is concerned the case has been tried. No new facts have been brought to light and no new documents have been submitted during the course of the inquiry to justify a decision of the trial. In consequence there is no ground for proceeding against Count Esterhazy so far as regards the crime of high treason for which Alfred Dreyfus was condemned."

Later in the day a brief official announcement was made of the decision of General Sausser regarding the report of General Pallieux. It was as follows:

"General Sausser has ordered a court martial to be instituted for an investigation into the affairs of Major Esterhazy."

Both sides say they are pleased with the announcement.

DON'T NEED HELP.

No Occasion for the United States to Succor Starving Cubans.

Madrid, Dec. 4.—The minister of the colonies, Senor Moret, has received a dispatch from Marshal Blanco, captain-general of Cuba, saying:

"I have sent the following telegram to our minister in Washington: 'There is no need for foreign help to provide the wants of this island or its inhabitants. The government from its own resources is endeavoring to provide the necessities they need, which, moreover, are diminishing daily.'"

Not in Montreal

or Toronto only, but right here at home, may be found one of the most desirable Kid Glove stocks any lady need look for. Special assortments now full and complete for Xmas.

Trofousses, Black and Colors, stitched, guaranteed, \$1.50.
Perry's "Derby," Tans and Browns, guaranteed, \$1.50.
Perry's "Bretagne" Blacks and All Colors, guaranteed, \$1.25.
Perry's "Alban" Blacks and Tans, guaranteed, \$1.25.
Perry's "Eglantine" (for misses) guaranteed, \$1.00.
Alberton 3 clasp, Fancy Sacks, Blacks and Colors, \$1.00.
Balance (about 40 dozen) "Maltese," "Josephine" and "Alexandre" regular \$1.50, at \$1.00.
"Monaco," etc., regular dollar lines, at 75c.

These are respectfully submitted items that should be borne in mind this month.

The Westside.

J. Hutcherson & Co.

HER BRIGHT SMILES.



After seeding our Raisins, they are so soft and easy to seed.

TWO POUNDS MINCE MEAT 25c.
TWO POUNDS BULK MINCE MEAT 25c.
THIS SEASON JAM, five lb. tin 50c.
RUBBING PORT WINE 40c.
C. B. " " 50c.
SHERRY 50c.

Fruit Cakes and Plum Pudding.

Morgan Eastern Oysters, Headquarters.

DIXIE H. ROSS & CO.

ABOUT 100 VARIETIES OF

1898 Calendars

To select from, ranging in price from 5c. to \$1.40 each. Call early and secure your choice, otherwise you will require to take, if you want any, what others have left.

T. N. Hibben & Co.

High Class Ladies' and Gentlemen's

Tailoring

Geo. R. Jackson's,

No. 57 GOVERNMENT STREET

High Life Cigarettes

Are in Quality and Price Without Exception the Very Best Made.

AT H. L. SALMON'S.

A General Improvement Noticed During the Past Month—An Increase in Wages.

On the Whole Canadian Business Is Moving Fairly Well.

New York, Dec. 3.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: The monthly report of failures shows a decrease in the number of failures for November, against \$12,709,856 last year, because of large failures for \$3,250,000 not due to present conditions. The aggregate in November was only \$1,100,000 less than a year ago, and, except for these, would have been smaller than in August, September or October. The decrease in nearly all branches of business show that the payments have been remarkably good and defaults unusually small. Other evidences of states of business are convincing except in speculative lines. Wages have been voluntarily advanced for nearly 30,000 workers in woolen and iron. Stocks are stronger, having advanced \$1.47 for railways and \$1.57 for trusts. The true value of American railway stocks is steadily rising with the earnings, which for November thus far are 20.9 per cent. larger than last year and 3.7 per cent. over the same week of 1902.

No change of consequence appears in quotations at Chicago and Eastern markets. The voluntary advance of 20 per cent. in the wages of worsted workers at Providence, restoring the rates of 1893, is evidence of prosperity. After much hesitation in other branches, which may be justified, this important department of the woolen industry placed itself at the front, virtually declaring its ability to face any foreign competition. The purchases of Australian wool at Boston have again been large, but other markets are extremely quiet, and Boston is doing the selling at prices not attained. The surprisingly large increase in wheat receipts at the West indicates a considerably greater yield than anticipated. The enormous receipts of cotton from plantations, tend to check all speculation, although both foreign and domestic spinners have been materially restricted. The failures for the week were 306 in the United States against 379 last year, and 28 in Canada against 55 last year.

On the whole Canadian business is moving fairly well, though it seems a little restricted by less favorable weather. At St. John business in provisions and general groceries is fairly active, while dry goods and clothing and hardware have fallen off, though retail trade is better. There is fair trade in Halifax, but too much competition and only average distribution of goods with payments generally fair. Stock taking absorbs attention in a good many lines in Montreal but there is a general improvement in collections and the money market is well supplied with fair business in distribution. Toronto reports a most encouraging outlook with prices firm and receipts good and a large export trade is being done in wheat, flour and oats. Quebec reports collections fair with a good volume of business, considerably increased by better snow roads. Winnipeg reports realizations of crops and much reduction in the current indebtedness of farmers, with large wholesale trade and average retail in seasonable goods. At Victoria wholesale business is quiet on the whole, but outside collections are fairly satisfactory and retail trade in nearly all lines is active, with local payments reported good.

Bradstreet's says: General trade throughout the country has presented rather more animation owing to colder weather and approaching holidays. While clothing, dry goods, hats, shoes, notions, hardware and fancy groceries have been in a little demand both from jobbers and at retail in the region tributary to Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha, St. Joseph, St. Paul and Kansas City, the tendency of business has been slack. This is noticeable in iron and steel, and in further depression in cotton goods, print cloths having made a new low record in prices. The appearance of a better demand for filling in is a favorable influence at points in Tennessee and the Gulf states. On the Pacific coast the feature of business is the well maintained export movement from nearly all points. The lower price for print cloths is followed by a sharp reaction in wheat and the price of Indian corn. Oats are slightly higher, and coffee has advanced, in addition to which are a long list of staples, the prices of which are unchanged. The domestic grain trade continues to look with equanimity on the unprecedentedly large quantity of wheat exports from both coasts week after week. Available stocks of wheat increased only 1,000,000 bushels last month, although the previous rate to increase pointed to a probable increase of 30,000,000. The total stocks of wheat in sight on December 1 were the smallest at a like date in ten years, while the world's available supply—a little less than 130,000,000 bushels—was the smallest at a like date in several years. The statement that there remained 100,000,000 bushels of domestic wheat available for export prior to the end of June next must depend upon a revision of previous reports on the size of the last wheat crop.

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REVENUE IS SWEET.

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THE CUBAN QUESTION.

The Only Matter That is Talked of in Spain.

Madrid, Dec. 3.—Public opinion here is engrossed by the Cuban question. There is little else in the papers than matter relating to the decree of autonomy. The Liberal is entirely satisfied. The Epoca regards it as an example of ruin, the breaking up of the law, considering that the solution of the grave problem of commercial autonomy can neither be accepted as satisfactory nor can the motives brought forward in its defense be looked upon as encouraging. The pen with which the queen regent signed the decree has been given to Senor Garcia Molinas for the authorization of Porto Rico.

Senor Moret has also given to the same institution the pen he used in drawing up the decrees. As to the rumor that the office of colonial minister is to be abolished now that the colonies are autonomous, it was too absurd to merit refutation. More than ever will a minister be required to superintend the dealings between the colonies and the mother country.

MRS. NACK'S PLEA.

Guilty of Manslaughter in the First Degree—Confession Accepted.

New York, Dec. 3.—After a consultation with Judges Maddox and Smith, District Attorney Youngs decided, it is said, to accept a plea of manslaughter in the first degree for Mrs. Nack, the accomplice of Martin Thorne, in the murder of William Guldensuppe. The extreme penalty for this is 20 years of imprisonment with a commutation of seven years and seven months.

Mrs. Nack's lawyers, before Mrs. Nack confessed, had announced, came to an understanding with the district attorney that she would surrender herself to the state as a witness only on condition of being allowed a plea of manslaughter. Mr. Youngs saw the force of this reasoning, and even if convicted, the woman would not be executed and at the beginning of the first trial, in view of Attorney Howe's defense, felt compelled to accept her confession.

Judge Maddox, who now sees the matter in the same light, aided, however, in this conclusion by new points which Mrs. Nack brought to the attention of her counsel.

Old Men and Kidney Disease.

Aged persons troubled with weak back, impaired kidneys, pain in the back and base of abdomen, scalding uria, with a small quantity of water at a time, a tendency to urinate often, especially at night, should use Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. You know the doctor's reputation, you know the value of his work, and that Dr. Chase would not risk his reputation on an unknown and untried remedy. Every druggist in Canada sells and recommends them.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

Conservatives Organize—Hudson Bay Company Officials Bound East.

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—At an organization meeting of the Liberal-Conservatives of Birtle constituency a district association has been formed and a public meeting held at which speeches were delivered by Hon. Hugh John Macdonald and Dr. Koehne, M.P. An address was also presented to Hon. Mr. Macdonald by the Birtle association, very complimentary in its character and offering him nomination for the constituency.

Commissioner Chipman, of the Hudson's Bay Company, has left for Montreal accompanied by Mr. Hall, inspector of posts and stores on the Pacific coast, and Mr. Ross Eckhardt, of Victoria. On his return the commissioner expects to be able to announce the policy of the company in respect to trade in the Yukon.

Two fatal accidents are reported tonight. A Guernsey, an Englishman, was crushed to death at Kinney while mowing a school building; and brakeman Wintemute was killed at Rennie while switching cars.

Extracts from letters received from Winnipeggers at Dawson City are published here. All are well, but fear a scarcity of provisions. This is noticeable in iron and steel, and in further depression in cotton goods, print cloths having made a new low record in prices.

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MRS. MCKINLEY DYING.

The President Arrives at His Mother's Bedside.

Canton, O., Dec. 3.—This morning Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley was reported sinking rapidly and the end appeared near. Before she lapsed into unconsciousness, she was given to understand that her son had started for Canton from Washington. At each stop during the night word had been flashed to Canton of his progress and at each stop yellow messages told him that he was still in the lead, in his thrilling midnight ride, with the grim reaper. Finally the president retired to sleep.

When Pittsburgh was reached at 7:15 a.m., Judge Day accepted the offer of the railroad company and a special engine was attached to the car. The president at that time was asleep.

Without loss of a moment the special engine dashed out of the smoky city. All trains on the route were put on side tracks and the last 100 miles were reeled off in two hours.

At 8:35 the train reached Canton. Upon his arrival at the home of his mother, the president entered the sick room and kept by the bedside. She was unconscious. The little family group was complete; now all that remained was to wait for death, and hope that before it came the mother would be able to recognize her loving children.

As the day wore on, Mrs. McKinley remained apparently in the same condition as in the early morning. She was unconscious, showed no evidence of suffering, and seemed to be passing quietly into the sleep of death.

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DIED AFTER THE PLAY.

An Actor Reaches His Wife's Bedside Only To See Her Die.

Louisville, Dec. 3.—Delia McQuaid Livingston, wife of Arthur Livingston, an actor, died in an infirmary last night just after her husband had finished playing a comic role in "Charley's Aunt" at the Temple Theatre. Mrs. Livingston came here two weeks ago from Santa Rosa, California, to be with her husband, who is a member of a stock company playing here. She was taken suddenly ill last night and began sinking rapidly. As her husband was at the theatre she would not let him be notified of her turn for the worse. When the play was over he was told that his wife was dying, and jumping into a carriage he got to the bedside just in time to bid her goodbye. He said his mind was on her illness all through the play, but he could not afford to lose the night's work. His wife was a clever actress and was 24 years of age.

BISMARCK SPEAKS HIS MIND.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—Prince Bismarck, in the Hamburger Nachrichten, commenting upon the alleged intention of the United States to interfere in Hayti, says:

"We deem it a political necessity to oppose this American arrogance often and emphatically, and certainly when directed against Germany. Of course, nobody in Germany dreams of annexing Hayti, but we hope to induce the government to energetically demand the necessary satisfaction in the shape of damages and to enforce this by proper means."

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COCOS ISLAND TREASURE.

Cruise of H.M.S. Amphion to the Isle in the Pacific.

Has the fabled treasure of Cocos Island been found? The United States gunboat Alert, which arrived in port yesterday from San Jose de Guatemala, brings news that makes possible the belief that the \$30,000,000 of treasure that has for almost a century been hidden beneath the shifting sands of Cocos Island is now safely stored on board H.M.S. Amphion, says the San Francisco Examiner. If the strong-room of the warship does not at this moment hold the wealth of gold and silver bars, the rich plate, the costly jewels and precious stones that have for so long remained hidden on the sea-grit isle, then the British government has been on a wild-goose hunt.

While the Alert was at San Jose there arrived at that port H.M.S. Amphion, direct from Victoria. Her commander lost no time in going ashore and proceeding inland to the city of Guatemala. There he conferred with the British consul and then returned to San Jose, bringing with him a man named Carlos Harford. Upon their arrival the Amphion steamed away direct for Cocos Island. These facts, which are quoted for by the officers of the Alert, while important in themselves, are made doubly so when considered in connection with the chain of events that preceded them.

Carlos Harford is a Costa Rican who, by authority granted him by his government, first set foot on Cocos Island some years ago. He went there in search of the treasure, supposed to amount to fully \$30,000,000, that is said to have been buried there about the year 1821 by the Central American when they were trying to throw off the oppressive yoke of Spain.

The story Harford tells of his hardships and sufferings in search of the hidden wealth is a long one. Not many months ago he arrived in this country with maps and charts and other semi-authentic data to show that he had located the buried treasure. He attempted to interest this government to the extent of asking that a vessel be sent to the island to recover the treasure and to insure him his share as the discoverer.

Harford finally became disgusted with the red-tape methods of this government and went to Victoria, where he opened negotiations with the Dominion government. As a consequence H.M.S. Imperieuse, flagship of the British Pacific squadron, under command of Admiral Palliser, was dispatched to Cocos Island to search for the treasure. The warship arrived at San Jose de Guatemala October 11th, and sailed for Cocos October 11th. She arrived at the island on October 14th, and after stopping there two days returned to San Jose. There she left Harford, who went immediately to the city of Guatemala and placed himself in communication with the British consul. The Imperieuse sailed for Victoria, where she arrived November 3rd.

There Admiral Palliser gave it out that the search for the hidden treasure had been partially successful. He said that upon arrival at Cocos a number of men were sent ashore from the warship under the leadership of Harford. By his direction they proceeded to a certain spot on the island, where they were directed to dig. At a depth of about six feet they uncovered a large square slab of granite that had once borne some sort of an inscription. Great difficulty was experienced by the excavators, as the hole filled with water almost as fast as it could be taken out. A tackle was rigged and the block of granite removed, disclosing the entrance to a sort of tunnel, the walls of which had partially caved in. At this point the sides of the excavation caved in, completely filling up the hole and almost burying a number of the exploring party. On the following day a blast was put in above the first excavation, but this only had the effect of complicating the difficulty. Being unable to proceed with the facilities at hand, the Imperieuse sailed for home.

This story might have passed into the realm of fiction had it not been for facts which are now for the first time brought to light. A few days after the Imperieuse arrived at Victoria the Admiral returned to that port from a cruise. Admiral Palliser, acting presumably by the authority of his government, dispatched her to San Jose de Guatemala, where she arrived while the Alert was at that port. What happened after her arrival there has already been told. It is safe to conclude that Admiral Palliser and his officers are truly convinced that the fabulous treasure is hidden beneath the slab of granite uncovered by the warship's men. It may be that they did not tell the whole story; for prudential reasons; and that the hasty dispatch of the Amphion was for a purpose somewhat more substantial than a search for the unknown.

It may be that Cocos Island has, ere this been relieved of its treasure, and that the gold and silver and precious stones are now guarded by the guns of an English warship.

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Baptist mission, Burnside road—Service to-morrow night at 7 o'clock. Subject, "A Dismal Outlook." Mr. A. Huggert will conduct the service.

One of those pleasant dances for which the Knights of Pythias have become famous was given last evening in the Castle hall. There was a large attendance.

On Monday next American Hard-wood will hold a sale of fruit trees, small fruits, rose, shade and ornamental trees and shrubs, and a great variety of general nursery stock, at Ohlson's Oakland nursery, on Lansdowne road.

The annual sale of work will be held by the ladies of the Victoria West Methodist church on Thursday next in the temple hall. The sale will be formally opened by Mayor Redfern at 2.30. The ladies have a fine assortment of plain and fancy articles to offer for sale. There will be a high tea from 6 to 8, followed by a concert.

Three more Yukon railway propositions are foreshadowed by notices in the Gazette of yesterday on behalf of three new railway companies. Mr. A. Morrison gives notice as solicitor for the applicants that application will be made at the coming session of the legislature for the incorporation of three new railway companies. One for the construction of a railway from Lynn Canal to Lake Bennett, another will build a line from the Lynn Canal to a point near where the Dalton trail crosses the northern boundary of the province, and the third will construct a railway on the "All-Canadian" route from the Stikine to Lake Teelin.

He must indeed have been hard to please who did not enjoy himself at the Victoria theatre last evening. There is not much of a plot in "Lost, Strayed or Stolen," but the fun provided makes up for the lack of interest in the play. The comedians are all good and the dancing and singing are far above the average in such plays. Then they have a nice way of introducing the specialties, the members dropping into their places without any awkward breaks. The costumes were novel and some original side-plays were introduced. The company is a good one and they give a good show. "Lost, Strayed or Stolen" will be repeated this evening.

Notwithstanding the other attractions of yesterday evening the Harry Lindley company again played to a full house at A. O. U. W. hall. The play was "The Magistrate," Finner's well-known English drama, and it was well presented. All the characters were very good, and it would therefore be unfair to single out a single performer for praise. This afternoon "In the Cariboo," a melodrama, was put on, and this evening the English comedy-drama entitled "The Inside Track" will be produced. The Lindley company will spend another week in Victoria, after which they will play again in Vancouver. The opening performance for next week will be "The Two Orphans."

One glance at the artists who will be seen here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday with the Calhoun Opera company at the Victoria theatre is sufficient guarantee of a performance of surpassing merit. Miss Beatrice McKenna, the prima donna, is as fresh and graceful as a daisy-bush, and has a sweet, clear and full voice, which charms her auditors. Miss Adele Farrington is one of the cleverest prima donnas on the stage today, and is rich and dainty. The name of J. Aldrich Libby, the tenor soloist, is known all over the world. Edward Webb, the tenor comique, is a bright and original comedian. Louise Lewis, mezzo-soprano, Maud Allison, contralto, and Stella Madison, soprano, are all clever and popular. Jack Allison, the basso, has a fine voice and is most artistic. Mount Joy Walker, one of the funniest of operatic comedians, is ably seconded by James Durant, another comedian. With a large and excellently trained chorus and their own orchestra, under the direction of Richard F. Libbey, a performance such as is rarely seen will be given by this famous company. The company will

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—See Harry Lindley as the Cockney thief in the Inside Track at A. O. U. W. hall to-night.

—Cloth bound books, 25c.; good authors. Also Christmas cards, Johnston's, Kirk Block.

—15 cent tea kettles, 15 cent dish pans and other cheap tinware at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

—A meeting of the Presbytery of Victoria will be held on Tuesday afternoon next at St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West.

—Sterling silver and plated goods at Weller Bros. Unlimited assortment of choice articles suitable for Christmas, wedding or birthday gifts.

—If you're looking for toys call and inspect the stock of A. Barker, 88 Douglas st. The very newest mechanical toys; no old stock. Prices the lowest.

—The ladies of the Reformed Episcopal church will hold the third of their series of afternoon teas at the residence of Mrs. G. E. Morris, Carr street, James Bay, on Tuesday next.

—During the time that the tramway company's men are engaged in double-tracking Government street the street will be officially closed, although of course no barricades will be put up.

—On Tuesday evening, December 14, Court Vancouver, No. 5755, A. O. F. will hold its anniversary ball in A. O. U. W. hall. Prizes will be given for the best donations of cake by the ladies.

—Pabst Bohemian, from Milwaukee, the finest beer the world ever produced, on draught at 5 cents per glass, at the Rank Exchange, the coolest, cleanest, cheapest restaurant in the city. Never closes.

—A splendid stock of sporting goods just received direct from the best factories in England and the United States, comprising shot guns, rifles, shooting coats, etc., at Henry Short & Son's, Gunmakers, 72 Douglas street.

—In the Gazette of yesterday notice is given of the incorporation of Hammond Bros. Co., Ltd., of Sandon, with a capital of \$15,000. They will take over the general merchandise and news business now being carried on by the Slocan News Co.

—Notice is given in the Official Gazette by the minister of agriculture authorizing the formation of a farmers' institute in the district of Delta. A meeting will be held for the purpose of organization on Saturday, January 8th, at Ladner's town hall.

—The London and Lancashire Life Assurance Company is issuing policies that allow the assured to go anywhere, or to engage in an occupation without an extra premium. Their policies are also non-forfeitable. Mr. G. D. Scott, the provincial manager, 22 Fort street, says their policy holders can go to Klondike or Siberia without extra cost.

—The Chinese employer who appealed from the decision of the Strevenson magistrate, by which he was obliged to pay the revenue tax for 48 employees, will get his money back, as Mr. C. Dubois Mason has been informed by the attorney-general's department that no opposition will be made to the appeal and the money will be refunded to the Chinaman. He appealed on the ground that the tax had already been paid at Victoria.

—Dr. Clarke and J. F. Robinson, the delegates who came from Kamloops to interview the government respecting the extension of the North River road to Bridge creek, returned to the mainland this morning, well pleased with their visit. The members of the government at the second visit held yesterday afternoon, promised to do all in their power to have the amount required for the construction of the road placed in the estimates.

—Yesterday's Gazette contains notice that two more extra-provincial companies have been licensed to do business in this province. One is the Perth Syndicate, Ltd., of England, capitalized at £10,000, with head office for British Columbia at Wild Horse creek, East Kootenay, and the other the Longueville Syndicate, of England, capitalized at a like amount. The head office of this company is at Longueville, with Thomas Richardson as the local manager.

—At the weekly open meeting of the Sir William Wallace Society held yesterday evening at the society's hall a good programme was presented, including the following contributions: Recitation by Chief Hay, "The Gordon Highlanders Will Take It;" recitations by Mr. A. B. Fraser and H. S. T. Henderson; recitations by Messrs. Brownlee and "Powers," and an address entitled "Reminiscences of Lang Syne," by Mr. Alex. Bezz. On Friday evening a special meeting will be held to arrange for the Hogmanay evening entertainment.

—Fernwood Lodge, C.O.D.F., at their meeting of the month the business will be completed for membership and initiated two candidates. The lodge has decided to change its meeting to the first and third Wednesdays in the month. Owing to the large number of new members desirous of having degrees conferred, a special meeting for that purpose will be held next Friday. The next regular meeting of the lodge will be the quarterly meeting at which the election and installation of officers will take place. Next Wednesday the social and dance takes place. The Daughters of Ruth have sent out for their charter, which is expected to arrive about the 15th inst., when the institution will be held. The lodge will be known under the name of 1st Lodge.



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The Albion Iron Works are busy. As one walks along Store street in the vicinity of the large iron works, he hears a babel of noises, the clang of the hammer resounding from the heavy pieces of iron and steel which are being fashioned for many purposes, drowning all sounds within hearing distance. Every evening a lengthy procession of mechanics leave the works, swinging their empty dinner pails as they wander homeward. This vast throng of workmen is indicative of the busy condition of the large foundry which is now busier than at any period of its history. There is more work afoot than the present staff of workmen can handle and Manager H. R. Seabrook says that he has employment for every skilled mechanic looking for work.

A large number of the employees of the foundry are now at work on a new steel river steamer, building for the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company for service on the Stikine between Wrangell and Telegraph Creek, connecting with the ocean steamers of this company running northward from this port. The new steamer will be 140 feet in length and 27 feet beam. Her hull will be about four feet deep and of three-sixteenths steel. When loaded—she will be capable of carrying 200 tons of freight and 300 passengers—the new steamer will not draw more than thirty inches of water, so that if necessary she would be able to float in a reservoir after a three month's drought. The steamer will be built after the style of the usual river steamer, flat bottomed, scow like, in fact just the steamer for the business in which she is to be engaged. This vessel will be in service on the Stikine in the early spring.

The C.P.N. Company's steamer will, however, not be the only steamer on the Stikine; there will be others, many others. Besides the steel vessel, it is understood that the Albion Iron Works is to build other vessels for the Stikine as well as several for the lower Yukon. One of the Stikine steamers is to be for the Canadian Pacific Ry. Co., who are now considering the tender submitted to them by the iron works. The Hudson's Bay Company, whose vessel, the Caledonia, was operating on the Stikine last season, will also build a new steamer, and as the hull of the Caledonia has seen its best day, that vessel will be towed down from Port Simpson early in January and a new hull built for her.

W. G. Stephen, of the Clyde Ship Yard, says that as many as twelve river steamers are to be built in this city during the coming winter for a wealthy company of Boston, Mass., who will use them for service on the lower Yukon. These vessels, which are to run in size all the way from 75 to 140 feet over all, and from 17 to 30 feet on the beam, are to be of exceedingly light draught, and when built according to the specifications would almost float on a street after the street sprinkler had been at work. Mr. Stephen has already submitted his figures for the building of the woodwork of six of these vessels. These steamers are to be towed to St. Michaels when completed in April next.

WHILE LOSE NO TIME
Western Union Expect to be Located Here in Three Months.

In an interview at San Francisco, W. J. Martin, manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, announced that his company has started on a new copper wire from San Francisco to Seattle, to connect with a new wire to Victoria, Port Townsend and points on the Sound.

"We have been shut out of these places before," said Martin. "We expect to have the San Francisco-Seattle wire completed within sixty days, and as fast as a cable can be laid will be sending to Victoria. We hope to have Victoria and Port Townsend connected by the 15th of March."

—The Two Orphans, Monday, December 6, at A. O. U. W. hall. The original version, seven acts.

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Winning Owners During 1897.

London, Dec. 4.—The racing season just ended produced some interesting figures in the list of winning owners in 1897. Mr. John Gifford, winner of the Derby (the first Irish horse to win that race), and the winner of two thousand guineas and the St. Leger, as well as other big events, heads the list with £22,730, of which sum all but £102 was won by Gallopers.

Mr. Leopold De Rothschild, who headed the list of winning owners in 1895 and 1896, is now second with £17,484. The Prince of Wales, who was second in 1896, is now third with £15,770, which brings up the Prince of Wales' total for the past five years to £54,741. Lord Roseberry won £15,575; M. Labandry £13,880; the Duke of Devonshire £10,290, and Mr. C. D. Ross £10,227.

The American continent shows up fairly well. Mr. Pierre Lorillard leading with £9,304, and his partner, Lord William Beresford, winning £7,967. Mr. August Belmont won £292; Mr. Richard Croker £1,052, and Mr. James Keene £935.

Among others, "Mr. Jersey," otherwise Mrs. Lily Langtry, won £1,014; Mr. M. McAlmont £7,204; the Duke of Marlborough £100; Lord Dunraven £702, and the Duke of Westminster £4,218.

ATHLETICS.

Ivan de Malchin's Challenge Accepted. Sporting Editor of the Times—I see by the morning paper that Ivan de Malchin has challenged me to a mounted sword contest. I have never barred anyone, so will meet him or his manager at any time and sign articles for a contest. One thing I will demand, the contest has to be conducted under the French or English rules governing such contests.

PROF. W. S. ANDERSON.
Victoria, Dec. 4th, 1897.

The contest will likely take place the latter part of next week in the market hall.

—The best of temperance dramas, Ten Nights in a Bar-room, at A. O. U. W. hall, Tuesday, December 7.

—Court Northern Light, A.O.F., at their meeting on Thursday evening, appointed a committee to act with the Companies of the Forest to make the New Year's ball a success. After court business had been disposed of the members adjourned to the library where a very so-moder home was passed. At the next meeting of the court the business will be initiation and nomination of officers.

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The quiet, old-fashioned visitor will continue to prefer the cosy place to which he has long been accustomed and in which he feels completely at home, but visitors of this sort are less frequent than they used to be. In the blood of the newer generation there is a ferment, a ferment like to the fire from champagne, and the youngsters prefer the noisier and more bustling places.

Whether they come to the metropolis on serious business or not, they always come for fun, and to them the place for fun is where the lights are brightest and the music most gay.

If it be that the smaller and quieter places are doomed to pass away we shall be sorry, just as we are sorry to see the houses in which the men who now are grandfathers were born, torn down to make room for the soaring skyscraper, in which there is neither dignity, beauty nor security.

Youth, to be sure, is best, but there is a placid dignity in age not to be despised; the new is for the young, and therefore for the best, but in the old there is a calm, a repose, and a content that are worth saving if not worth striving for. The great new hotels, like the department stores, are inevitable, but they are, after all, not the end of the social evolution, but only a part—Leslie's weekly.

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PHYLLIS AND GOLF.

"By the way, Phyllis," I remarked, just as I was starting for the links, "I dare say I shall be bringing a man to dinner tonight."

I spoke in as careless a tone as possible, and with my hand on the door, but Phyllis was too quick for me.

"A man?" she cried. "Oh, not another golfer?"

I had to admit that it might be a golfer. "How perfectly odious! You will talk about the miserable game all the evening, and I shall be forced to listen, as usual. How can you want to bring a man to dinner?"

"This was awkward, for it was 'that Mr. Brown,' and I had to say so."

"George!" cried Phyllis, with a world of reproach in her voice. "It's impossible! How can you dream of asking that creature here again? He hasn't got two ideas in his head beyond his wretched golf-sticks."

"Club," I amended, plaintively.

"And you brought him to dinner twice last week! He began talking golf the moment he came, and went steadily on for three hours! You know, have you best to get him off the subject, but when I told him I didn't take the least interest in it, he merely turned his back on me and talked to you. George, you simply mustn't ask him again!"

"Very well," said I, submissively. "But about tonight? I'm afraid it's too late."

"Too late! What do you mean?"

"Well," I admitted guiltily, "the fact is that I—er—asked him last night to come and dine after our round today. I didn't know you'd mind."

Phyllis stamped her foot. "It's too bad of you," she cried. "You know, have you best to get him off the subject, but when I told him I didn't take the least interest in it, he merely turned his back on me and talked to you. George, you simply mustn't ask him again!"

"I don't think he'll talk about his 'mash-ing' iron," I ventured to remark. "What a pity it is that Phyllis, that you won't let me take you to the links, or at least show you how it is played! Then you could take an intelligent interest in our conversation, and—"

"An intelligent interest!" exclaimed Phyllis with pitiless scorn. "An intelligent interest in a stupid, tiresome game, that's only to be played by a few old men and children! I wish—yes, I wish with all my heart—that golf had never been invented!"

When Phyllis is in this mood there is only one thing to be done, and that, I need scarcely explain, is to beat a hasty retreat. So I fled out of the house toward the links, not pleased with myself, annoyed with Phyllis, and quite unreasonable, angry with poor old Brown.

And yet Brown is undoubtedly something of a bore to those who do not share the one absorbing passion of his life. Most golfers go more or less mad when they first take up the game, but most also revert to a sane, sensible, and sane after they have played for a year or so. But Brown never does this—he has not even a lucid interval now and then. Phyllis was quite justified in her accusation; he thinks of and talks about nothing in the world but his favorite pastime, which he plays in all weathers from morning to night.

His indefatigable practice, however, has not by any means rendered him perfect as a player, and I was several holes up on him by the end of our round. This was more satisfactory in itself, but it had the result of making him more voluble than ever. When he has won, Brown will sometimes lapse for a while into ecstatic silence. But after defeat he feels bound to explain how it was that disaster overtook him, and how the unparalleled excellence of his play came to be overbalanced by the whims of capricious fortune. He began his tale as we walked back together, and had only brought his narrative as far as his inexplicable bad fortune at the third hole when we reached the house. I thought of Phyllis, and trembled.

So, while Brown was washing his hands in my dressing room, I sought out Phyllis and tried to prepare her for what I felt to be dinner. I've got a little surprise for her."

"Oh, I shan't mind at all now. I should enjoy a conversation about golf above all things."

I started. "Well, of all the inconsistent—why, only this morning you were abusing the game and calling me names for bringing Brown here!"

"Was I?" said Phyllis innocently, surveying herself in the looking glass. "No, I'm quite glad you've brought Mr. Brown to dinner. I've got a little surprise for you."

At this moment a tremendous crash in

the dressing room made me run hastily in that direction.

Here I found Brown in his shirt sleeves, red and apologetic, and surrounded by a broken glass. He had picked up a club of mine which was standing in the corner and had attempted to practice a full swing with it. Hence the fragments of globe scattered about the floor.

"Then we went down to dinner, and before we had finished our soup Brown was fairly under way."

"Now about the fourth hole," he began. "Did you ever see more extraordinary bad luck than I had to-day? My tee-shot was almost perfect, a good straight drive of 180 yards."

"120," I suggested.

"My dear fellow, I think I ought to know the distance on these links by this time. 180 yards, it was as usual. But my second most unaccountably—"

"Did not go 180 yards," I hinted.

"Was most unaccountably deflected—it must have been the wind; and there I was in the middle of that infernal—in the middle of that disagreeable sand."

"Oh," cried Phyllis, turning toward him suddenly, her face beaming with sympathetic interest, "then you lay in a niblick! It must be horrid to lie in a niblick! But I do hope you didn't ground your bunker, it is very wicked to ground your bunker when you lie in a niblick, you know."

We both started—indeed, Brown glared at her open mouthed; but Phyllis seemed to be perfectly serious; so, after a painful silence, Brown went on again, evidently determined to treat this extraordinary interruption with the silent contempt it deserved.

"The fifth hole," he resumed, "I won, as you will doubtless remember. That was due, I think, to my approach shot, which, I may be pardoned for saying, was a remarkably fine one."

"Then," broke in Phyllis, recklessly, "I suppose you used a stimie. All the best players use a stimie, rather laid back, for approach shots."

Poor Brown looked desperately at me, his glance clearly signifying "am I to be insulted in this way at your table?" Then he turned to Phyllis with a scowl that ought to have annihilated her on the spot, and remarked:

"I was—ah—talking to your husband. You, of course, are entirely ignorant of the game."

"Not at all," retorted Phyllis with dignity. "I know lots about it—bumps. Why you should think that you are the only person—"

"My dear Phyllis," I broke in with much alarm, for it really looked as if there would be a row, "of course you know nothing about it. Phyllis is only joking, Brown. Let me see; you were talking about the fifth hole."

"But Phyllis was not to be put off," I knew lots about it," she repeated, "and I am quite certain you ought to use a stimie for an approach shot."

"But it's impossible," I objected. "A stimie isn't a club; it's—"

"At the next hole," went on Brown, in haughty tones, ignoring my attempt at an explanation and resolutely turning away from Phyllis. "I remember that I laid my third dead."

"How terrible!" exclaimed the shameless Phyllis. "I expect that was because you didn't keep your eye on the ball. It's a very common fault with beginners."

This was too much. Brown half opened his mouth, but fortunately controlled his feelings, and with a gasp relapsed into silence. But he refused to speak another word during dinner, and, as soon as it was over, muttered something about an engagement, and fled.

Then I demanded an explanation from Phyllis.

"I don't know why the horrid man looked so annoyed," she said resentfully. "I did my best to talk about the wretched game."

"But you talked the wildest nonsense," I protested. "How you got hold of all the words—"

"Why, you said I ought to be able to take an intelligent interest in the conversation; so, as soon as you had started, I took your book on golf, and read it all the morning. I thought you would both be pleased!" she added plaintively.

"Good gracious!" said I; "I begin to understand. Your idea was most praiseworthy, only you got hold of all the technical terms and muddled them up."

"I may have muddled them," conceded Phyllis; "they are very confusing. But why Mr. Brown should think—"

"Brown doubtless thinks you deliberately laid yourself out to ridicule him," I remarked, grimly; "no small blame to him."

"Oh, how dreadful!" cried Phyllis piteously, clasping her hands. "Does he really think that? And I spent three hours over that horrid book on purpose to please him and you! Does he really think that, George?"

"Let him think," said I with spirit. "Anyhow, you've achieved your desire of getting rid of him; for I don't think Brown will dine here again when you're at home."

And he hasn't. This, however, is a small victory compared to my own. Phyllis is an enthusiastic player herself this autumn, all owing to her determination to please me. She is not far behind Brown either in talking golf—by Anthony G. Deane.

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Provincial News.

NELSON.

Nelson, Nov. 30.—There is to be another government auction sale of lots in Nelson on December 15. Two hundred and seventy-five lots that were left over from the first government sale are to be sold without reserve by Joshua Davies as auctioneer. The terms of the sale are one-third cash, one-third in three months, one-third in six months. Interest on deferred payments, 6 per cent. per annum. One feature of this sale will be that squatters having improvements on any lots will have no priority of right and no value will be placed upon their improvements. They will be given 14 days from the date of sale to remove their improvements. The lots are for the most part desirable residence lots and are scattered all over the city. The list includes all the lots owned by the government within the corporate limits of the city, and it will probably be the last time the market will see any lots.

All the largest mortgages from the clean-up of the Nelson Hydraulic Company on forty-one creeks have been mounted in to scrippins by an enterprising jeweler of Nelson. They make a fine showing.

Harold Bookler, one of the assessors of the Hall Mines Company, has resigned his position to accept a similar one with the Tacoma Smelting & Refining Company.

The road poll-tax of the city has yielded about \$850, and this will probably be brought up to about \$1,000 by the time it is completed. The city registration books closed to-night with but a few more than 300 voters on the list. The light registration cannot be accounted for, as it does not represent over 50 per cent. of those qualified to vote. The election for mayor and aldermen will take place in January.

James M. Bulger, boat builder for the C.P.R., has arrived from Nakusp with a crew of workers to build the big scow destined to transport the train over the lake. Work will be commenced at once and pushed rapidly.

SLOCAN CITY.

Slocan City, Nov. 29.—A sad accident occurred on Saturday evening, by which a Swede named Peterson lost his life. The man, who lost his life, Peterson, had been drinking heavily during the afternoon, and at the time of the accident was under the influence of liquor. In the evening at 7.30 he was seen walking down the street towards the wharf. Shortly afterwards, shouts were heard from the direction of the freight warehouse on the wharf by several people, but none of them seemed to think anything serious was happening and no one went to find out the cause of the noise. Shortly afterwards Mr. Mallen heard more shouting and calling, evidently coming from some one in distress. He hurried to the wharf, but owing to the darkness was unable to render any assistance. He rushed back for a light and when he returned saw Peterson's head in the water about thirty feet out. A boat went to the rescue and the body was recovered. Efforts were made to revive him, but without avail.

GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, Nov. 30.—It is understood that the American customs department has demanded that Edna and Cawston put up a \$3,000 cash bond before their 75 head of cattle will be returned to them. The cattle were seized by Customs Officer McDonald near Oro, in the Similkameen country, two weeks since, because they were passing through the reservation without a convoy. The cattle are now in custody at Nelson, Wash.

Barriester Black and Editor Ross, of the Boundary Creek Times, came over last Saturday from Greenwood for a load of coal oil, as they claim their town is entirely out of that commodity, which is caused by the tie-up of freight teams at Grand Forks, owing to the existing quarantine against glanders.

It is understood that the eastern portion of Yale county will be allowed two members for the local legislature, and A. C. Sutton, barrister, of this place, A. K. Stuart, of Midway, Hon. D. W. Higgins, of Victoria, and Mayor Wood, of Greenwood, have been mentioned as candidates.

PORT SIMPSON.

Port Simpson, Nov. 27.—The tug Resolute from Seattle with four scows in tow, containing 400,000 feet of lumber for Dyre, anchored in the harbor on Tuesday last and has been compelled to remain ever since on account of heavy northerly winds.

There has been a spell of very cold weather for two weeks past and skating is now good.

It is feared that the Chieftain may be frozen in as the arm freezes a long way down in ordinary cold snaps.

One of the crew of the Willapa was badly injured just after the steamer reached Simpson dock on her recent trip.

C. W. D. Clifford, is spending a few days in town amongst old friends.

Captain Todd, Indian agent, arrived in last night with his steamer bound for Nass river.

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Provincial Press

Is Saying.

(Vancouver News-Advertiser.)

It is to be hoped that the report from Ottawa that the government has decided not to interfere with the seal industry is true. The sealers have had enough to contend against during the last few years, without being forced to abandon their business. In compliance with the American monopolists. Why they should be offered up as a sacrifice, in order to induce the United States government to enter on an international discussion, by means of an international commission, as to some shadowy reciprocity arrangement between the two countries, it is beyond the average Canadian to understand.

The United States experts have been compelled, as the result of facts which they could not deny, to admit that, under the regulations formulated by the Paris tribunal, pelagic sealing does not threaten the extinction of the seal herd. That was the only business which the British government, at the express request of the Dominion government, agreed should be discussed by the conference at Washington. We admit it was unfortunate that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with the laudable idea of obtaining concession for Canadian producers in the American market, should have suddenly appeared in Washington, and interjected other and entirely foreign subjects into the discussion.

The United States representatives, headed by that indefatigable agent of the sealers, the Pribyloff Islands, General Foster, were quick to turn this unlooked for opportunity to the advantage of their clients, and close up the business of Canadian sealers by a sudden and unexpected coup de main. Fortunately, both the Canadian and the imperial parliaments have some voice in the matter, and the interests of British Columbia were not extinguished so summarily as General Foster hoped they would be. No sensible person has been disappointed at the barren results of the Canadian mission to Washington. Now, in the interest of our sealers, we ask that it be forgotten.

(New Westminster Columbian.)

We can cultivate local patriotism of the practical kind, by showing that it is to the self-interest of members of a community, other things being at all equal, to patronize home industry and enterprise. It will be the part of the home business men of the community, by intelligent and wide awake management to insure that the "other things" referred to are as nearly equal as possible. We can, also, both as individuals and a community, endeavor to promote and encourage new industries and enterprises. We printed yesterday a paragraph about the export of a certain article of local manufacture, and at the same time, we chronicled the fact that another ship had entered the river to load salmon for a British port. There is coal in the country, too, and gold, as well as timber and fish; and the people who work up these things for export must have their daily wants supplied. That means a field for a number of complimentary trades, and all put together means a good market for the produce of the farm. This market, we believe, can be largely increased by promoting such new industries as beet sugar factories, fruit canneries, fruit and vegetable evaporators, etc.

We need not say that we desire to see our traders prosper; upon their prosperity depends largely that of the community; and the prosperity of a newspaper depends chiefly upon the prosperity to the immediate community in which it is published; we think some hints as to how that prosperity can be advanced may be gathered from the remarks we have made; but the prosperity of the community and ours and the country's depends primarily upon the utilization of the natural opportunities of the province and the development of its resources. If these are neglected or monopolized, ruin, or at best stagnation, must result.

There is another matter to which we wish briefly to allude while on this subject. That is, the part of every citizen in the government, whether of city or state. "The forms of popular government are those from which the substance of freedom may most easily go." So says a deep thinker on these matters. Men seem to forget that, by yielding to a little prejudice or whim, or motive of momentary self-interest, they may jeopardize the whole future of the country or community.

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Lot.	Block.	Section.	Lands and Improvements.	Assessed Owner.	Registered Owner.	Amount of Taxes for year ending Dec. 31, 1897, and interest and costs.	Collector's Commission and Contingent expenses of sale.	Total Amount of Taxes due.
Part 171	25		Land and Imp.	J. H. Seely	Part W. C. Seely, part W. C. Seely	\$ 67.34	\$ 9.48	\$ 76.82
Part 171	25		do	Mrs. W. C. Seely	Seely and Emanuel Harris, part	30.00	4.20	34.20
Part 171	25		do	J. H. Seely & E. Harris	Sarah G. N. M. Roworth	30.00	4.20	34.20
Part 132	W		do and Imp.	D. F. Adams	James Porter	108.75	15.25	124.00
622	L		do	W. H. Greenwood	John K. Greenwood	44.15	6.10	50.25
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